

First Congregational Church
Our Church in Worship

February 9, 2020 10:00 AM

Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

PRELUDE *The Peace* – G. F. Handel Adam Peithmann

WELCOME Rev. Kevin Pleas

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME OF SILENCE

RINGING OF THE STEEPLE BELL

INTROIT *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* – Patricia Sanders Cota Sabbath Bells

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

LEADER: Your love, O God, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies.

PEOPLE: **Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your justice like the great deep.**

LEADER: Earth's children, high and low, take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

PEOPLE: **We feast on the abundance of your house; you give us drink from your river of delights.**

ALL: **For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light. Glory be to you, O God, our life and our light!**

*OPENING HYMN NO. 284 *Gather Us In*

OPENING PRAYER (UNISON)

Hope of the poor, friend of the persecuted, advocate of the suffering, O God, we praise you, for you have been our help. Turn our tears to laughter and give us what we need to live. Then keep us faithful, that we may never be satisfied until all have what they need as well. May all people receive your blessing, through Jesus Christ, who died, and rose again, and in whom we find life. Amen.

TIME WITH GOD'S CHILDREN

OFFERING FOR OUR CHILDREN'S MISSION PROJECT

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 5:1 (CEB)

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up a mountain. He sat down and his disciples came to him.

MESSAGE: Sermon on the Mount

CLOSING PRAYER

CHORAL ANTHEM *Blest Are They* – David Haas Chancel Choir

Blest are they, the poor in spirit, theirs is the kingdom of God. Blest are they, full of sorrow, they shall be consoled.

Refrain: Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you! Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

Blest are they, the lowly ones, they shall inherit the earth. Blest are they who hunger and thirst, they shall have their fill. (Refrain) Blest are they who show mercy, mercy shall be theirs. Blest are they, the pure of heart, they shall see God! (Refrain) Blest are they who seek peace, they are the children of God. Blest are they who suffer in faith, the glory of God is theirs. (Refrain) Blest are you who suffer hate, all because of me. Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom; shine for all to see. (Refrain)

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

Barbara Papagian

LEADER: God, in your mercy

PEOPLE: **Hear our prayer**

SILENT MEDITATION

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE

Take, oh, take me as I am; summon out what I shall be; set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

*HYMN NO. 322

O Word of God Incarnate

OUR MORNING OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC

*DOXOLOGY

Chalice Hymnal No. 46

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)**

Dear God, receive our offering. Guide those who use it, that it may help to bring fullness of life to those who live in need and long for our care. Through our giving, we express gratitude for all you have given us, and our commitment to serve you faithfully in every way we can. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 5:13-16 Pam Pleas

SERMON: Glass Houses Rev. Kevin Pleas

*CLOSING HYMN: *This Little Light of Mine*

1. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
2. Everywhere I go...
3. All through the night...

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *The Rejoicing* – G. F. Handel

*You are invited to stand if you wish.

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 5:13-16 (New Revised Standard Version)

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“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.”

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